

BOARD MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 6:30 PM

GENERAL MEETINGS:
3rd Thursday, 7:00 PM

Springhill Church
4769 West Babcock, Bozeman

OUR PURPOSE:

Shall be to perpetuate the common sense use and enjoyment of horses in the back country and assist the various government agencies in their maintenance and management of the resource and to educate, encourage and solicit active participation by various members of the general public in the wise and sustaining use of horses, commensurate with our heritage and the back country resource.

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

RALLY FOR PUBLIC LANDS : JANUARY 11, 12:00-1:00

State Capitol Rotunda, Helena

BOARD MEETING : JANUARY 17, 6:30 PM

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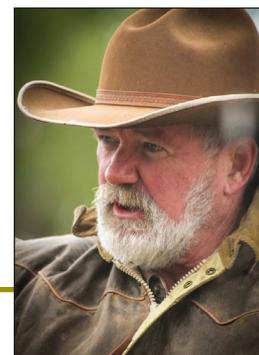
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HOLIDAY PARTY : JANUARY 19

Broken Hart Ranch

IT IS TIME TO RENEW
YOUR MEMBERSHIP
[ONLINE](#)



PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Happy New Year to all!

2018 is now in the History books and off we go into 2019. The election for board members and officers is official and the results are in the Minutes. Thanks to each and everyone who has served and welcome to all the new officers and directors.

The first Item on the new year agenda is to remind everyone to renew your membership for the new year. It is easy and you can do it online at our website, if you wish. The old fashion check still works as well. Next is our calendar meeting so if you have a favorite ride or project you would like to see completed please put it on the new calendar. Every project must have a leader or trail boss before it can be put on the calendar.

I want to say a big thank you to Carmen and Dan Porter for taking on the poker ride this year as co-coordinators. They will be looking for volunteers and please make their job easy by volunteering where you can.

The winter party is coming up in January 19th at 6pm at the Hart Ranch. I hope everyone will make the effort to make this a success! It is our (GVVBCH) year to be the host and set up so we need volunteers to help with setup and decorating and we will need a clean up crew. The band will be "Raise the Roof" I am looking forward to some great music. I have it on good authority that someone is smoking up some good meat, so come and join the fun. BYOB

If you are interested in being a delegate at the state convention March 2, 3, 2019 at Great Falls please let me know; we need eight total. Reservations are going fast.

Henry, President

Roll Call: Henry Glenn, Chris Nygren, Carmen Matzick, Carl Blaskovich, Marianne Meyer, Dan Marsh, John Mutter, Dan Porter, Kathy Van Dyke, Rod Wilson, Rich Inman, Vern Campbell; John stood proxy for Tamara Erickson

Called to order by Henry Glenn.

Minutes of November 2018 meeting

John moved to waive approval of the November board minutes, Dan Porter seconded, and the motion carried.

FINANCE

John moved to waive a finance report by the treasurer, Dan Porter seconded, and the motion carried. John asked to be reimbursed \$20 for fixing the chair rack in the trailer; Carmen moved to reimburse, Vern seconded, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Poker Ride: Henry reiterated that there's currently no chair for the Poker Ride committee in 2019.

Holiday Party: Henry has found a band for the January 12 party – "Raise the Roof Band" – and their fee is \$700. Dan Porter made a motion to hire the band for \$700, Carl seconded, and the motion passed. Those present agreed that the Saddle & Harness Club and Saddle-ites will be asked to pay half of the cost.

Meeting format: As a follow-up to the discussion at the November meeting, Marianne moved that beginning in January 2019 the board meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. immediately prior to the general meetings; Dan Porter seconded, and the motion carried. Accordingly, the next meeting will be on January 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

State board meeting: Rich reported that there were "no big issues" at the meeting. He also reported that the BCHA is considering changing its structure which would likely have little impact on our club. He also reported that Kathy Hudley, the education representative, has some great articles that could be included in our newsletter.

RTP: Dan Marsh has sent the necessary paperwork in re: the RTP funds.

NEW BUSINESS

BCHMT Meeting: The meeting will be held on March 1-3 in Great Falls. Anyone planning to go should get a hotel room a.s.a.p. as they are going fast. Rich noted that he has raffle tickets for sale.

Dan Marsh noted that there will be a Public Lands Rally on January 11, 2018 in Helena, and that there will be a "Beer for a Cause" benefitting BCHMT on February 5 in Livingston.

Dan Porter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Carmen seconded, and it was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke

Call to Order – Henry Glenn called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS

Election: Dan Porter presented the following board / director slate for 2019:

President: Henry Glenn

Vice-President: Chris Nygren

Treasurer: Carmen Matzick

Secretary: Kathy VanDyke

Directors: Carl Blaskovich, Vern Campbell, and Lew Goodpasture

State Director: Dan Marsh with Henry Glenn as the Alternate.

Janice Cartwright moved, and John Mutter seconded that slate be approved as presented and the motion carried.

Poker Ride: We still need a Poker Ride chairman for 2019. That appointment needs to be in place by the February 2019 meeting. Members should let Henry know if they're interested.

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Dan Marsh reminded us that the Constitution requires meetings "at least once per month."

The meeting was adjourned.

—Submitted by Kathy VanDyke



GVBCH is one of the principle Gallatin Forest Partners. We are seeking individual endorsements to strengthen our standing with the Custer Gallatin National Forest in anticipation of the new Forest Plan.

—John Mutter

<https://mailchi.mp/2cf659191711/happy-holidays-and-welcome-new-supporters>

The links in the below document are not live, but these are:

[Gallatin Forest Partnership](#)
[our groundbreaking agreement](#)
[join you in endorsing](#)
[Keep Reading](#)



Happy Holidays!

And welcome to all the new supporters of the [Gallatin Forest Partnership](#). We are grateful to have gained your endorsement over the last few months.

We are excited about the growing support for [our groundbreaking agreement](#) to protect our wild backyard – the Gallatin & Madison Ranges, places we all love for their wildlife, clean water and undeveloped lands – and to provide plenty of access for all the different ways we recreate in this place.

We'll use these periodic emails to enlist your help when we have important opportunities to demonstrate the support for this agreement to decision makers. We promise we won't spam you, and if you think you got on this list by mistake, you can unsubscribe via the link at the bottom of this email.



Get ready for the New Year!

The Custer Gallatin National Forest is expecting to release the environmental analysis of their new forest plan in early January. This new plan will guide how the Forest Service manages the forest for the next 15-20 years, identifying where intensive uses like energy development and logging will be allowed, where trails and recreation will be enhanced, where habitat will be conserved, and where wild places will be preserved.

The good news is the GFP agreement is included in one of several different alternatives being considered for the new plan! And we will all get to chime in with our comments to the Forest Service. Look for emails and events in the new year to help you get involved in this planning process. We'll be encouraging our supporters to let the Forest Service know you support the GFP agreement!



What you can do today:

Help us continue to build support for the GFP agreement! Share this email with friends and family. Encourage the folks you ski, climb, ride, and snowshoe with to [join you in endorsing](#) this agreement.

Who we are:

The Gallatin Forest Partnership is a diverse group of business owners, mountain bikers, conservationists, hunters, anglers, skiers, climbers, horse people and hikers who all have a direct and shared connection to the Gallatin and Madison Ranges.

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Thanks again for your support!

We look forward to seeing you in the new year!

The Gallatin Forest Partnership

Please come join the
**Back Country
Horsemen
of Montana**

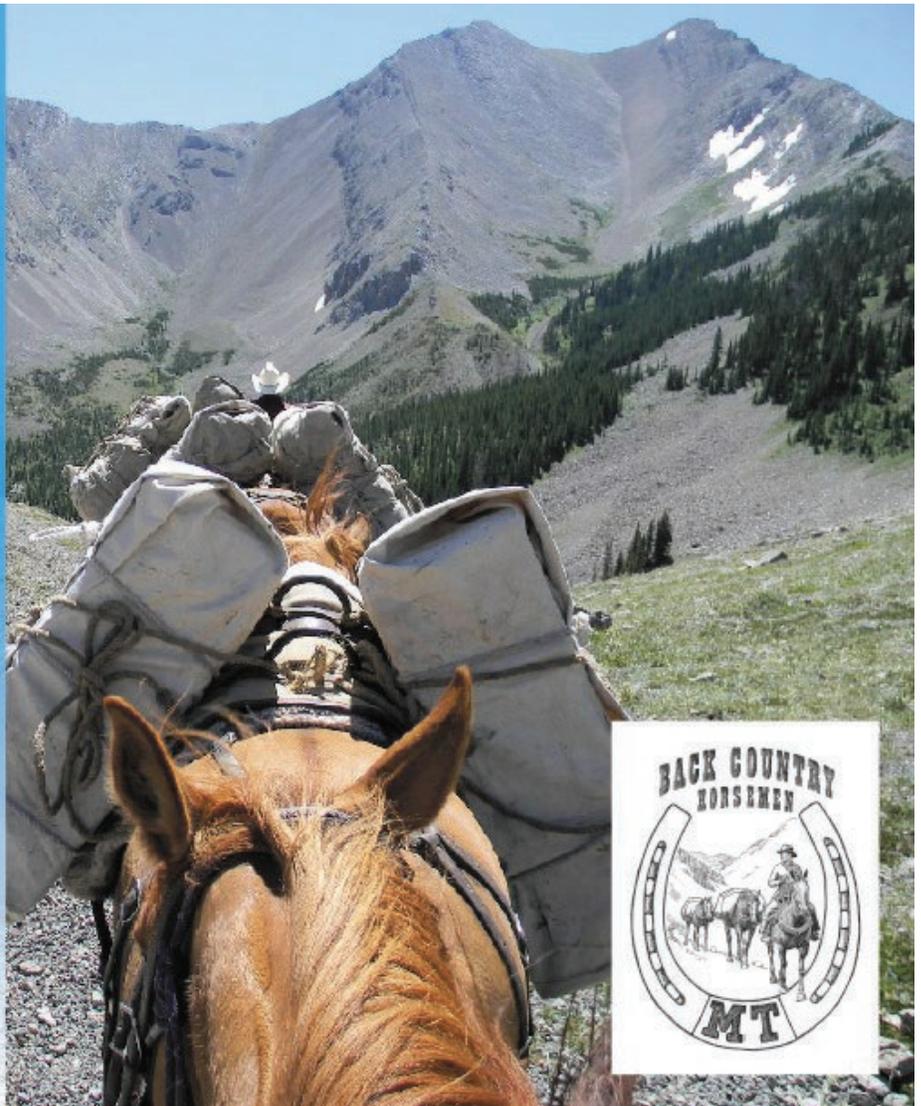
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**RALLY FOR
PUBLIC
LANDS**

JANUARY 11, 2019

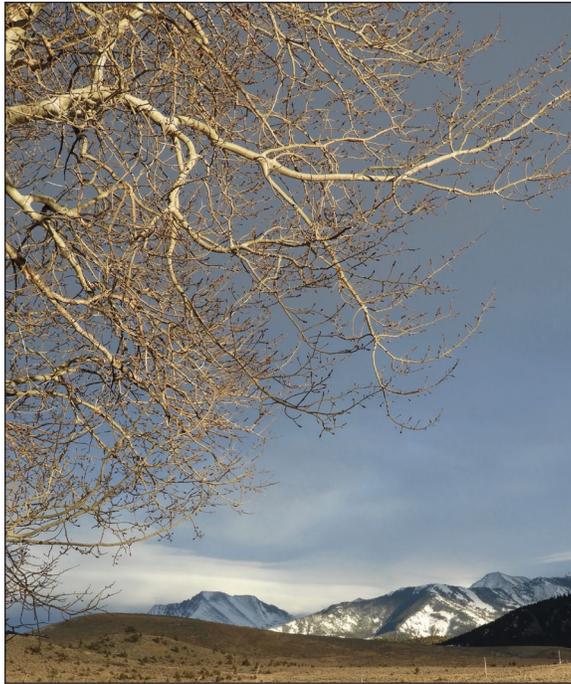
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**IN THE ROTUNDA AT THE
MONTANA STATE CAPITOL**



More information:

<http://mtgreatoutdoors.org/>





USFS INFORMATION



This notebook describes techniques used to construct and maintain trails. It is written for trail crew workers and is intended to be taken along on work projects. Numerous illustrations help explain the main points. The notebook was printed in 1996 and has been revised slightly during three reprintings.

Tools for Brushing

pg 150

Bank blades and brush hooks are designed specifically for cutting through thickets of heavy brush or saplings. Use them for clearing work that is too heavy for a scythe and not suited for an ax.

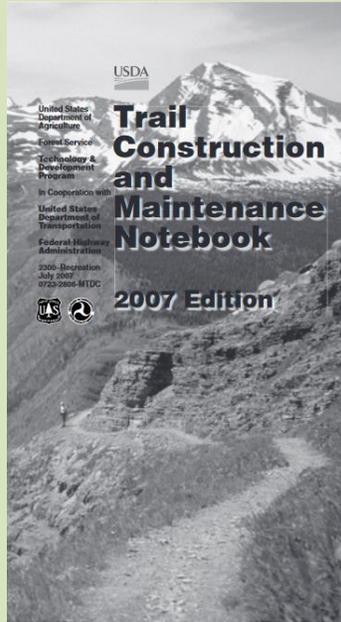
Lopping shears and pruning shears may be used to cut small stems and branches.



Bank blade



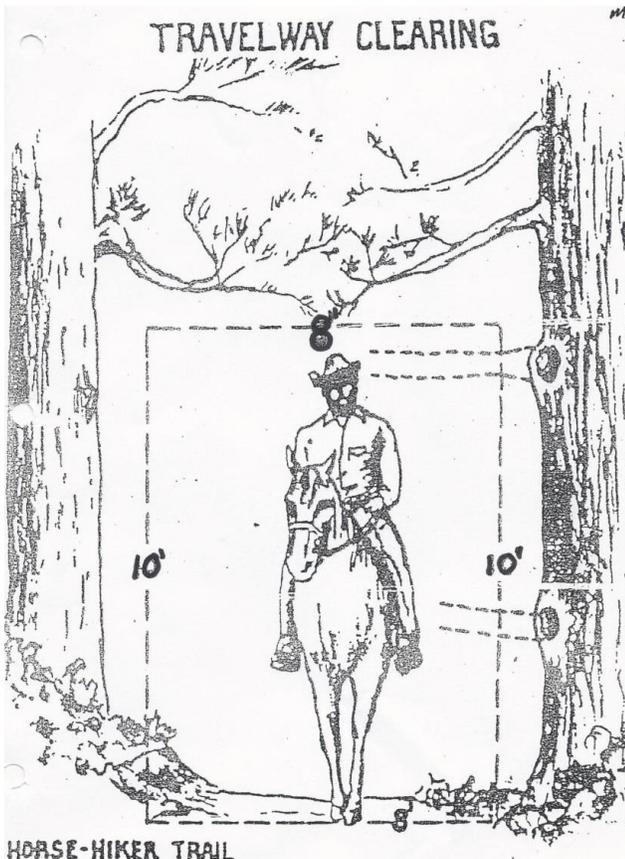
Bush hook



Something's Gotta Go

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If time and budgets are tight, consider brushing only the uphill side of the trail. This approach keeps users off the trail's downhill edge and keeps the trail in place.

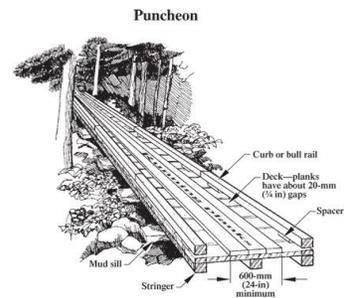


HOSE-HIKER TRAIL

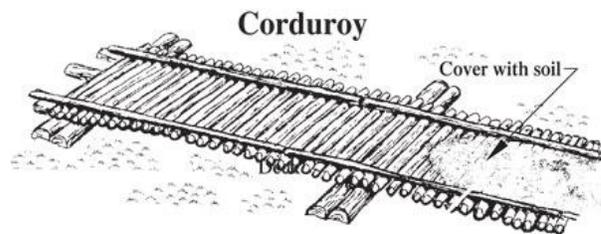
TRAILS IN WET AREAS

What is the difference between a puncheon and corduroy?

A puncheon is a wooden walkway used when trails cross bogs, deep muskeg, large boulder fields or small streams. (pg. 82)



Corduroy is basically a primitive type of puncheon. It consists of 3 or more native logs laid on the ground as stringers with logs laid side-by-side across them and nailed in place. Corduroy should always be buried, with only the top rails exposed. (pg. 88)



HORSEMEN MANNERS & ETTIQUETTE

Be Polite and Promote BCH

It pays to be courteous so other trail users—bicyclists, hikers, dog walkers—won't resent you. Offer the right of way to other riders, bikers, or hikers. If it's too difficult to move your horse off a narrow trail when meeting hikers, politely ask them to step off on the downhill side.

If possible, take a moment to have a conversation with other users. They may be curious about stock use, or why you have a mule loaded down with tools and equipment! Educate them on the importance of trail maintenance and the use of stock in the back country. Create chapter business cards and carry them in your horn bags so other users may contact you with more questions, donations or an interest in joining your chapter.



HORSE HEALTH

Medicating the Eye

If your horse gets an eye injury and you decide to grab the tube of eye medication out of your first aid kit or barn, make sure you know what is in it. Never put anything with a steroid in the eye (ex. Cortisone-nothing that ends in "sone", or "zone") because if the eyeball (cornea) is scratched, it will make it much worse.



Always check with your vet if you are not sure.

OLD TIMER TIPS

When your horse gets up from a good roll, if he doesn't shake, he's not feeling good. If he shakes a lot, he's ok!

Feed a little whole corn every so often to help float the teeth.

JUST FOR FUN

Horse Christmas Cannoli Treats

Treat your horse to a something tasty for Christmas! Preheat oven 300°. Dice 1 apple and 2 carrots; mix 1C molasses, 2 ½ C oats, 2 TBL oil, 1 C flour. Combine all and spoon onto cookie sheets-shape into bars. Bake 35 minutes until brown. Soak corn husks in water (15-20 min), cut them into 4"X4" squares, pat them dry; wrap one around each bar. Wrap the husks with rubber bands; dry them in 170° oven. Cut off the rubber band, and top the treats with icing and peppermints.



Theodore Roosevelt

No other nation has the amount of National Forest, parks, monuments, rangeland, wilderness and natural rivers & streams as the United States. Most hunters, anglers, horseback riders and hikers don't own a sprawling ranch or secluded canyon, but we all can enjoy an area four times the size of France.

Just by being a citizen of the US you own 565 million acres. We all owe this birthright to one man...a veteran and Medal of Honor winner- President Theodore Roosevelt. During his time as president he set aside over 125 million acres of land as the National Forest.

He established the first 21 forest preserves that are now the 192 million acre National Forests. He also established 5 national parks, 18 monuments, and 51 National Refuges. Without him, we would all be riding in small arenas in our back yards!



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